

6.3.21 Minutes of Maynard Parking Authority Meeting

Virtual Meeting via Zoom, 3:30 PM

Meeting called to order at 4:03 PM

Members present: Justin DeMarco, Nick Johnson, Ben Hofmann, Michael Noble, Megan Zammuto

Guests present: Lynda Thayer, Kathy Cormier

Outdoor Dining Protocol

M. Zammuto described the current temporary outdoor dining program, how it has been working for the past year and the work that is being done to consider using this model as a permanent option. B. Hofmann had concerns about the individual benefit to businesses. The program could benefit some businesses but not others by allowing for additional space. M. Zammuto discussed the retail parklet program that was offered at the same time as the outdoor dining program but it did not receive the same amount of interest. There has also been qualitative data that shows that people are interested in visiting Maynard because of its vibrancy which will ultimately benefit all downtown businesses.

K. Cormier discussed the program and how it impacts her business. She is looking forward to the installation of parking meters on Main Street which will help with parking turnover on her block. The discussion also included the outdoor dining license that allows for the closure of the entrance to central parking in Naylor Court. Several members had concerns about this license and suggested it not be approved if there is a request for an extension since it cuts off a convenient path to central parking during the evening hours.

In reviewing a more permanent policy – the authority requested that all applications be presented to the Parking Authority at once so that they can look at the impact to parking holistically. M. Zammuto planned to add this concept to the draft policy and application. There was also discussion in inviting the Economic Development Committee to be part of the annual review – could be a joint meeting.

Parking Management Plan

M. Zammuto read through the Parking Management plan to review what work had been completed and what was outstanding.

Adjournment 5:20 PM